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**FREEPORT MAN SENTENCED TO 32 YEARS IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE
FOR THE ARMED ROBBERY OF THE UNION SAVINGS BANK IN FREEPORT**

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with THOMAS J. KNEIR, Special Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago Field Office, JERRY WHITMORE, Chief of the Freeport Police Department, today made the following announcement:

United States District Court Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **ANTHONY GREEN**, 38 (DOB: 4/14/65), of Freeport, Illinois, to 32 years without parole for the armed bank robbery of the Union Savings Bank, 715 West South Street, Freeport, on May 8, 2003, possession of a firearm in furtherance of the robbery, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The court also ordered Green to pay \$6,000 in restitution and a \$500 fine, and ordered that Green be placed on supervised release for five years following his release from prison. Green, with three prior convictions for drug trafficking, was sentenced as a "career offender" under tough federal laws that ensure lengthy, non-paroleable sentences for those repeatedly convicted for violent crimes and dealing illegal drugs.

GREEN and his codefendant, Nelson Kennedy, were both arrested for bank robbery in Freeport on May 8, 2003, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Freeport Police Department, and indicted for that crime on June 3, 2003. On January 8, 2004, following a four-day trial in federal court, a jury found Green guilty of the armed robbery of the Union Savings Bank, possessing a firearm in furtherance of the robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Evidence presented at trial established that on the morning of May 8, 2003, Kennedy drove Green to the Union Savings Bank located at 715 West South Street, Freeport, Illinois. Green, armed with a loaded .22 caliber revolver and wearing a baseball cap and safety glasses, entered the bank and presented a demand note to a bank employee. Green then reached over the counter, and began to take money from the tellers' counter. When the bank employee tried to stop Green, Green pointed his gun at her and at a bank teller standing nearby. The bank employee then let Green take three bundles of money from the tellers' counter.

Evidence presented at trial further established that after fleeing from the bank, Green ran through a neighborhood, stopping to hide some of the articles of clothing and the safety glasses he had worn during the robbery, as well as the .22 caliber revolver and \$5,940 of the money that Green had taken from the Bank. Those items, including the bank's money, were later recovered by Freeport Police officers. Green continued to run away from the bank until he saw Kennedy's car. Kennedy then picked up Green in his car and drove away from the area.

Kennedy previously pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the robbery, and was sentenced on January 21, 2004, to 70 months without parole for aiding and abetting the armed bank robbery. The court also ordered Kennedy to pay \$60 in restitution and a \$200 fine, and ordered that following release from prison, Kennedy be on supervised release for five years.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Freeport Police Department. Prosecutors were assisted by the Rockford Police Department Identification Unit.

The case was prosecuted in United States District Court in Rockford by Assistant United States Attorneys John G. McKenzie and Michael D. Love.

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